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SUBJECT: CANADA AND RWANDA

REF: A) OTTAWA 2546 B) OTTAWA 2308 (NOTAL)
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: CANADA MAY BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE
ADDITIONAL PEACEKEEPERS TO UNAMIR AFTER SEVERAL
OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS ARE CLARIFIED IN NEW YORK. THE GOC
IS PLEASED BY THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT IN THE U.N. HUMAN

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RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND IS WORKING ON AN ACCEPTABLE DRAFT
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RESOLUTION WITH THE AFRICANS. THE CANADIANS HAVE
INFORMED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND THE RPF OF THE
NEED TO END THE MASSACRES AND REACH A CEASE FIRE. END
SUMMARY.

CANADA MOVES CLOSER TO INCREASING ITS UNAMIR CONTINGENT

3. CANADIAN TELEVISION AND RADIO RECENTLY TRANSMITTED
INTERVIEWS WITH UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE IN WHICH HE
CALLED FOR A CANADIAN COMMUNICATIONS ELEMENT TO REINFORCE
HIS PEACEKEEPERS IN RWANDA. WHEN QUERIED ON THESE
REMARKS BY POLOFF, LT. COL. BILL BENTLEY (THE HEAD OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' (DFA) PEACEKEEPING
SECTION) RESPONDED THAT THE GOC "WAS PREDISPOSED TO
CONTRIBUTE TO UNAMIR," AND HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED
"MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT TO SUCH A CONTRIBUTION IN
PRINCIPLE."

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4. BENTLEY STRESSED THAT CANADA HAD NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL
REQUEST FROM THE U.N. TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL TROOPS,
AND DID NOT ANTICIPATE ONE UNTIL THREE OPERATIONAL
CONCERNS ARE CLARIFIED. FIRST, THE GOC SEEKS ASSURANCES
THAT THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO UNAMIR ARE PROPORTIONATE TO
LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNAMIR COMMANDER. IN
PARTICULAR, THE GOC HAS CALLED FOR CLEAR GUIDELINES ON
THE USE OF FORCE (INCLUDING PROPORTIONALITY). SECOND,
CANADA WANTS TO ENSURE THAT A FULLY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED
PEACEKEEPING FORCE WILL BE DEPLOYED BEFORE COMMITTING ANY
OF ITS OWN PERSONNEL. THIRD, THE GOC HAS ASKED THE U.N.
TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE MILITARY COMMANDER,
THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT
(DEALING WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF) IN RWANDA. BENTLEY
SAID THAT THE GOC HAS ALREADY INITIATED DISCUSSIONS ON
THESE ISSUES WITH THE U.N. IN NEW YORK.

DRAFTING A RESOLUTION FOR THE UNHRC

5. ROSS HYNES, DFA'S DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, TOLD POLOFF THAT CANADA WAS PLEASED BY THE
SUPPORT FOR ITS INITIATIVE ON RWANDA AT THE U.N. HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA. HE SAID THAT THE GOC WAS

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SATISFIED WITH THE TONE OF THE DISCUSSION DAY 19
MEETING ON RWANDA. DELEGATES FROM CANADA, NIGERIA, AND
CAMEROON ARE PLANNING TO MEET AGAIN ON MAY 20 TO DRAFT A
RESOLUTION REFLECTING THE OUTCOME OF THE SESSION.
ACCORDING TO HYNES, THE DRAFTERS WILL ALSO TAKE BOTH THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS' REPORT AND A REPORT
ON RWANDA PREPARED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INTO ACCOUNT
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WHILE DRAFTING THE RESOLUTION.

GOC IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND THE RPF

6. YVON SAINT-HILAIRE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DFA'S
CENTRAL AFRICA AND THE MAGHREB DIVISION, SAID THAT CANADA
HAD SPOKEN WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND THE RPF
TO URGE AN END TO THE MASSACRES AND THE NEGOTIATION OF A
CEASE FIRE. DFA HAS CALLED IN THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO
OTTAWA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND INFORMED HIM IN "BLUNT
TERMS" OF GOC DISSATISFACTION WITH THE RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL OVER ITS MILITIA. SAINT-HILAIRE HAS
ALSO SPOKEN WITH CLAUDE DUSAIDI, THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE
IN TORONTO, TO URGE AN END TO THE CONFLICT.

7. IN AN ASIDE, SAINT-HILAIRE SAID THAT ELEMENTS OF THE
RWANDAN COMMUNITY IN CANADA PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPOR
T TO
THE RPF. MOST OF THE 1000 RWANDANS IN CANADA ARE TUTSIS.
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